

FIRE PREVENTION PRACTICE #3.1

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TO: All Fire Prevention Personnel

FROM: Steve Zaccard, Fire Marshal

SUBJECT: ASBESTOS ABATEMENT

"THIS PRACTICE IS TO SERVE AS A PROCEDURAL GUIDE FOR YOU TO FOLLOW. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS PRACTICE SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE FIRE MARSHAL THROUGH YOUR SUPERVISOR".

If exposed asbestos is found in a building during an inspection, be aware that only schools are required by State Law to abate asbestos problems (40 CFR Part 763 Subpart E). State law does hold building owners liable for health problems resulting from asbestos on the property, but does not authorize enforcement of removal in either commercial or residential properties. Questions can be referred to the State PCA Office, 296-7513.

Employees in commercial occupancies who are at risk from asbestos exposure are protected by OSHA regulations.

Written referrals should be made to:

Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry
OSHA Division (Health)
443 Lafayette Road
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155
651-284-5050

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